IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: Roane, Aaron F.

Inventor: David K. Swanson Art Unit: 3739

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Title: SURGICAL METHODS AND

APPARATUS FOR FORMING LESIONS IN TISSUE AND CONFIRMING WHETHER A THERAPEUTIC LESION HAS BEEN

FORMED

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed on March 27, 2008, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2. Remarks begin on page 9.

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